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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Melvin R. Jackson et al.

Serial No.: 09/682,899

Filed: 10/31/01

For: **Repair of Advanced Gas Turbine Blades**

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

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ATTENTION: Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy

S I R:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a), Applicants respectfully submit this petition to allow the subject application to be made by the signing joint inventors on behalf themselves and Mr. Raymond Alan White, last known mailing address 3284 Franklin Street, Schenectady, NY 12306, a non-signing inventor who refuses to join in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that Mr. White has refused to join in the application after a *bona fide* attempt was made to present Mr. White with a copy of the application papers. On Friday, September 14, 2001, the undersigned left a telephone message at Mr. White's home inviting him to review and sign the application papers. Mr. White responded on Monday, September 17, 2001, by leaving a telephone message at the office of the undersigned, stating his refusal to sign the papers for this application. Despite this verbal refusal, copies of the application papers were sent to Mr. White's home via Federal Express on Tuesday, September 25, 2001. A copy of the air bill attached to the envelope containing the papers is enclosed in Attachment A herein. Mr. White returned the application papers in their unopened Federal Express envelope via U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail, postmarked Thursday, September 27, 2001. Mr. White further

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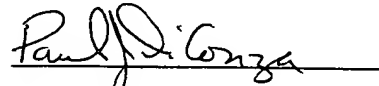
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U.S Postal Service Priority Mail, postmarked Thursday, September 27, 2001. Mr. White further indicated his refusal to join the application by writing a message on the unopened Federal Express envelope, the message reading, "Thanks but no thanks...Don't return." Copies of the USPS Priority Mail postmark and the above message on the Federal Express envelope are enclosed in Attachment B herein.

In light of Mr. White's refusal to join in the subject application, as set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be made by the signing co-inventors on behalf of themselves and Mr. White.

Respectfully submitted,



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